

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the communication filed on 03/01/2010.

Claims 1, 3-7, 12, 14-17, 20, 22, 24-28, 30 and 32-35 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Kowert on 03/25/2010.

The claims have been amended as follows:

For claim 28, on line 1, after "a", before "computer-accessible storage medium", please insert "non-transitory".

For claim 30, on line 1, after "the", before "computer-accessible storage medium", please insert "non-transitory".

For claim 32, on line 1, after "the", before "computer-accessible storage medium", please insert "non-transitory".

For claim 33, on line 1, after "the", before "computer-accessible storage medium", please insert "non-transitory".

For claim 34, on line 1, after "the", before "computer-accessible storage medium", please insert "non-transitory".

For claim 35, on line 1, after "the", before "computer-accessible storage medium", please insert "non-transitory".

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 3-7, 12, 14-17, 20, 22, 24-28, 30 and 32-35 are allowed. The prior art of record does not teach the claimed invention, as follows.

For independent claims 1, 12, 20, 28, the prior art does not teach a method/system for determining one content publisher peer node that is logically nearest on the network (a peer node to which communications take least time) to request content from the peer node in accordance with respective advertisements; and request content from the logically nearest content publisher peer node; and wherein the requesting peer node is configured to cache the content and become an additional content publisher peer node for the content according to the discovered advertisement.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hieu T. Hoang whose telephone number is 571-270-1253. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thu Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-6967. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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